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TWO LARGEST UPU SETS ISSUED



SPANISH MOROCCO U.P.U. ISSUE. Superstitious collectors are not going to take very readily to the set of stamps for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union issued by Spanish Morocco on February 15. There are thirteen different denominations in it. All are shown on the first day cover above received through the courtesy of Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain. Single stamp at the top is a 25c black and red special delivery. In the row across the center of the envelope are a 5c brownish black and ultramarine, 10c blue and black, 15c greenish black and yellow green, 35c gray and violet, 45c violet and lake, 50c black and yellow green, 75c blue and dark purple, 90c dark brown and rose. Across the bottom are a 1 Peseta gray and brownish black, 1.50P. ultramarine and red, 5P gray and black and a 10P purple and light blue.

Scandinavian Air Letters Are Interesting Items; Ones For U.P.U. Celebration Described, Listed

by Thorsten Ingeloff

More and more nations are adopting the air letter as an advantageous way of supplying air mail service to foreign lands at a favorable price. In some cases, where the destination is half way around the world, the mailer saves as much as 60% of the rate to be paid if he sent his message on a separate sheet of paper sealed in an envelope. Chief advantage of the air letter is its cheapness—in other respects the messages contained are just as private and carried just as quickly as other air mail.

Air letters were adopted a large extent since the war. A number of nations profited from their experience in handling soldier mail, a lot of which was in the form of aerograms. This experience was translated to the inauguration of air letter service.

It is the intention here to deal with the service as carried out by the Scandinavian nations of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. With the exception of Norway which started to use air letters on April 30, 1948, the others did not begin until last October when they instituted it as a tribute to the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union.

Norway's first carried a 60 ore brown stamp on a light blue paper over which was repeated the word 'NORVEGE' in small white letters in horizontal lines. As noted above the first day was April 30, 1948.

On July 5, 1948 appeared the second variety. It resembled the first issue in all respects with the exception that the legend was

considerably smaller. Face value was still 60 ore and the imprinted stamp in brown pictured a stylized pigeon in flight.

Another further improvement of the July 1948 air letter was made. This one is identifiable by the color alone, on sight, although there are other marks which set it off.

The 60 ore stamp was still retained in its brown color, but the paper used was a grayish blue instead of the light blue of the first two. In general appearance it was similar to the July 1948 issue. Changes included some rearrangements of the various legends, and added printing on the back making it possible to type the names and addresses of the sender and receiver with one insertion in the typewriter.

Then in October 1949 as part of the commemoration of the U.P.U. anniversary, the Scandinavian nations agreed among themselves to issue air letter sheets weighing not over 2½ grams which would be carried to all parts of the world for the letter rate then existing between the agreeing countries.

The understanding between the five, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Iceland, was that aerograms would be used rather than the original find was first made known in the pages of this paper by William A. Schenk of Bloomington, Ill.

COAL SHORTAGE SLOWS MAIL SERVICE

Because of the shortage of coal many of the railroads have been forced to curtail service. A number of the mail carrying trains were included in the curtailment. This made a mail load of some two and three times normal for the trains which are running, and in some cases where it was not possible to carry mail, it has lain in terminals awaiting transportation. That is why your Linn's Weekly Stamp News, or your orders of Linn Philatelic Products has been a rather long time in coming. Please consider this handicap for which we are not responsible before sending in your inquiries about the non-receipt of your paper or philatelic supplies.

Ecuador's 30c U.P.U. With Broken "P"

In the February 13 edition, page three, it was reported that the 20c denomination of the Ecuador U.P.U. issue was found with a broken stem on the "P" of the U.P.U. overprint.

Since then two other collectors have reported the same variety. This indicates that there is every reason to believe that the error is constant and that it exists in at least a small quantity.

Besides the error on their 20c stamps, Irving Lerman of New York City and Dan R. Cannon of San Francisco report that they have found the 30c value of their sets with the same fault in the "P".

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Spanish Morocco's Has Thirteen, Venezuela's Nine Stamps; Quantity Of Former Said To Be Limited

The two largest sets of stamps issued for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union to date were released by Spanish Morocco and Venezuela. The set from Spain's African colony contained thirteen stamps, a fact which might make the superstitious uncomfortable, while the South American nation's contribution amounted to nine. The previous high total had been the undisputed possession of Panama which had released eight stamps for the U.P.U. last September 9. All the Spanish Morocco stamps appear in bi-color using six different designs—Venezuela's issue has but one color to a stamp, while the same design was used for each one.

In the Spanish Morocco the designs and the denominations were distributed as follows.

A foot postman carrying a staff and mail bag are found on the 5c, 50c and 90c. A mounted mail carrier is shown astride his horse, saddle bags full of mail, on the 10c, 45c and the 1 Peseta.

Travelling down a desert road at a fairly good clip is a mail coach drawn by three horses to be seen on the 15c and the 1.50-Pts. An automobile mail coach churning a dusty trail across the desert is pictured on the 35c, 75c and the 5Pts.

High value of the set is the 10Pts. on which is shown a steam locomotive drawing a mail train at high speed across a viaduct while natives watch its passing.

Also included in the issue, which are all for regular postage, is a special delivery stamp with a face value of 25c. It pictures a twin motored plane in flight over the roof tops of Tetuan, the colony's capital.

First day covers, of which one with the full set of thirteen stamps was received from Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain, were cancelled on February 15 at Tetuan.

Apparently the white heat of interest surrounding the various U.P.U. stamps was not noted by the Spanish Colonial Postal Administration which underestimated the requirements to satisfy all comers.

According to Mr. Lenze the issue was oversubscribed to the extent that there had to be some rationing of the sets which were supplied to dealers and collectors. Persons ordering up to ten sets are supposed to get their full requirements, while those whose orders exceeded that amount will have it cut drastically.

First day of issue for Venezuela's nine U.P.U. stamps was on February 19.

Previously, on January 15, the 5c value of the series had been placed on sale to meet the local demand for a 5c denomination. According to F. Jacobi, Caracas, Venezuela that date will not be considered the official first day of the stamp. It will have the same February 19 release date as the other eight stamps.

Design of the series is rather confusing. In the central part is shown a hand from which is flying a stylized dove and in whose out line is a four-motored plane.

Beneath is a globe and a panel in which are the dates "1874-1949" and "LXXV" (75).

The series was printed by the American Bank Note Company.

Other recent developments in the U.P.U. field include another stamp from San Marino, this one a 200 Lire airmail. Previously, on December 29, there had been released a 100L. for regular postage.

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first stamp, a postal diligence on the road leading from the mountain republic, the second appearance of the design was in a dark blue color.

Recent additions besides the above to the comprehensive and accurate check list of the UPU issues appearing at intervals in this paper are Costa Rica's three stamps issued January 11, and Chile's four which had a first day on January 24.

The revised and up to date list is as follows:

UPU COMMEMORATIVES

Country Stamps in set 1st Day

Kuwait	2½, 3, 6s, 1R.
Malaya-Johore	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Kedah	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Kelantan	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Malacca	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Negri Sembilan	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Pahang	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Penang	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Perlis	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Selangor	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Singapore	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malaya-Trengganu	10c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Malta	2½d, 3d, 6d, and 1/-
Mauritius	12c, 20c, 35c, and 1/-
Montserrat	2½d, 3d, 6d, and 1/-
Moscat	1½, 3, 6s, 1R.
New Hebrides (Engilau)	10c, 15c, 30c, 50c
Nigeria	1d, 3d, 6d, and 1/-
North Borneo	3s, 10c, 30c, 50c
Northern Rhodesia	2d, 3d, 6d, and 1/-
Nyassaland	1, 3, 6d and 1/- Nov. 21
Picairn	2½c, 3c, 6d, and 1/-
St. Helena	3d, 4d, 6d, and 1/-
St. Kitts-Nevis	2½d, 3d, 6d, and 1/-
St. Lucia	5c, 12c, 24c
St. Vincent	5c, 12c, 24c
Sarawak	5c, 15c, 25c, 50c
Seychelles	18c, 50c, 1 R. and 2.25R
Sierra Leone	1½d, 3d, 6d, and 1/-
Somaliland Prot. 1, 3, 6, 12 annas Oct. 24	3d, 3d
Tanger	2½c, 3c, 6d, and 1/-
Tonga	2½d, 3d, 6d, and 1/-
Trinidad & Tob.	5c, 12c, 24c
Virgin Islands .2½, 3c, 6d and 1/- Oct. 31	1/-
Zanzibar 30, 50c (10/10); 20c, 1/- (Oct. 13)	1/-

UPU AIRLETTER SHEETS

Denmark	40 ore, Oct. 9
Finland	(no stamp) Oct. 9
Iceland	60 aur, Oct. 9
Japan	62 yen, Oct. 10
Norway	40 ore, Oct. 9
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Mexico	Pesos

May Auction South African Collection

What is believed to be the most valuable collection of African Postal Stationery in existence may be lost to the Union of South Africa unless an offer by its owner, A. Jurgens of Cape Town, is accepted by the South African Government by the middle of 1951, states John J. Harwood of South Africa.

Mr. Jurgens first offered his collection, believed to be worth many hundreds of thousands of dollars, eight years ago, stipulating only that a fire-proof, burglar-proof room be provided at the South African Museum to house it.

The Government has just been informed by Mr. Jurgens that unless the collection is accepted by the middle of 1951, his offer will lapse, and he will put the collection on the U. S. market.

Last year when Mr. Jurgens discussed the matter with the Minister of Finance, he was told that the money needed for the necessary strong-room was not available but that the Government was prepared to house the collection temporarily in the Archives at a cost of nearly \$12,000.

Mr. Jurgens maintained that it was a waste to spend that amount on housing the collection temporarily when a strong-room could be built at a cost of \$20,000.

The Government replied that it was very anxious to have the collection and that Mr. Jurgens should open negotiations again at a later date when the estimates of expenditures had been tabled.

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Sponsors of the meet are the recently organized Motor Cities Stamp Collectors Congress made up of clubs in the immediate Windsor area.

St. Alphonsus Hall will house the exhibition, bourse and philatelic post office and will also be the scene of the auction on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p. m.

The Prince Edward Hotel, just a block away has been chosen for the other activities in connection with the get together. There will be held the convention meetings, and the banquet on Saturday at 7 p. m.

General chairman of the convention committee is Stanley W. Hill, 326 Jefferson Blvd., Riverside, Ontario, Canada.

It is expected that a number of collectors from the United States will attend the affair.

Windsor is across the Detroit River from Detroit, Mich.

Vets At Wood VA Hospital Need Stamps, Accessories

Stamp collecting hospitalized veterans of the VA Hospital, Wood, Wisconsin, have been getting some assistance in the pursuit of their hobby through a stamp committee of the Major William McKinley Garrison of the Army and Navy Union, Milwaukee, Wis.

Inasmuch as there are a number of collectors among the patients with a wide variety in stamp preferences, the committee finds it rather difficult to meet all requests.

The general public has been invited to assist in the project with contributions of stamps, accessories and other philatelic items. These can be sent to the care of Albert E. Wunsch, Past Commander, Army & Navy Union, 2524 N. 27th St., Milwaukee 10, Wis.

South Africa Removes Stamp Import Bans

The government of the Union of South Africa has reversed a ruling which did not permit the importation of postage stamps.

According to a bulletin from the Philatelic Section of the GPO, Pretoria, U. of South Africa, the new regulations are contained in the following announcement.

"As previously advised, the Director of Imports and Exports has announced that the question of the importation of postage stamps into the Union of South Africa has been reviewed, and while it is not possible to allocate currency to permit the importation of stamps, consignments of stamps will in future be allowed into the Union permit free.

"This concession has been granted in view of the fact that in most cases, postage stamps reaching the Union of South Africa, do so as a result of exchange of stamps.

"With regard to the export of stamps, attention is directed to the continued necessity for the preparation of form F. 178 in respect of all consignments of used or mint stamps, exceeding an estimated value of £10, exported to non-sterling countries."

New York Wholesaler On European Buying Trip

Now touring Europe in search of more philatelic material for their tremendous stock of stamps and supplies is Jules Stolow of J. & H. Stolow, stamp wholesaler and auctioneers of New York City.

He has already visited Germany. He will spend some time in Italy and other countries.

Pakistan Commem Off Sale March 31

The Government of Pakistan have decided to discontinue the use of the Quaid-i-Azam Memorial Stamps after March 31, 1950, and to destroy their stocks left over after that date.

It will be recalled that these stamps were released on September 11, 1949, the first death anniversary of the late Quaid-i-Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan. They are 1½ as, 3 as, and 10as, denominations and their color is brown, green and black respectively. In simple floral design they bear dates of the birth and death of the late Quaid-i-Azam, his name, and the motto of the Father of the Nation "Unity, Faith and Discipline."

These stamps will be on sale till March 31, 1950, and may be had from the Embassy of Pakistan, 2201 'R' Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The price of one complete set of the Quaid-i-Azam Memorial Stamps including overhead charges is 31c.

New Book Carries Lots Of Information

Just published in London, England is a book with the title "Stamp Collecting for Boys and Girls." It was authored by that successful team of philatelic writers, L. N. and M. Williams.

It is foreseeable that the title will keep the book out of many hands where it so well belongs, and that is in the hands of the not so far along adult stamp fan. But if the adult collector can overlook the title and assimilate the contents of this book, it is certain that a more informed and dexterous collector will be the result.

In terms and words understandable to all, the book tells why people collect, what they collect, how they go about mounting and writing up their collections and how stamps are made. Also told about are such related philatelic matters as covers proofs, essays and stamp designs.

Very well illustrated and printed on a fine grade of paper, the book is bound between stiff board covers with cloth binding. Selling price is five shillings from the publisher, The English Universities Press, Ltd., St. Paul's House, Warwick Square, London EC 4, England.

Radio Stamp Program, New Club For Emporia

Emporia, Kansas citizens are going to hear a lot about stamps and stamp collecting for two reasons.

One, a group of local collectors with the cooperation of the YMCA are deep in plans for the formation of a stamp club. And two, Radio Station KTSW is going to air a stamp program under the direction of Bruce G. Wimer.

While Mr. Wimer has directed programs of many kinds with marked success, he is asking the assistance of collectors in the area and of other stamp program sponsors and directors for ideas and suggestions for his own.

Interested persons can write to him c/o KTSW, Emporia, Kansas.

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The Hunt For Variety

Every time we print a note about some variety in United States stamps we get a lot of letters from enthusiastic collectors concerning such a variety. Fortunately, some of these are experienced collectors and know just what they are talking about and as a result the mystery is quickly solved. Other letters are from young collectors, beginners and others who have failed to master the intricacies of printing and load us up with questions which they want answered and with information about what they believe to be varieties, when as a matter of fact the offered items are merely poor prints or come from some reason which eliminates them as being a variety that is of interest to a collector. In our February 13 issue we pictured the 1½c Hardwing with a broken line at the top. We have had dozens of letters on this some few of which included blocks of nine stamps with the center stamp showing the break. We had other letters advising us that this was a known variety and had been listed by the Bureau Issues Association. We also have a letter from a Mr. Fred Saunders, President of the Cincinnati Philatelic Society who advises that the stamp in question is from plate number 21382, Upper Right pane and stamp

number 54. That makes it the fourth stamp from the left in the sixth row from the top of the sheet. Just what caused the variety is something we do not know. We do not know if the BIA has taken the trouble to inquire from Washington as to what was the matter with the plate to cause this break. It certainly can not be a defective transfer for if such were the case there would be other defects surrounding this break, and other stamps with it in the sheet. It would be our belief, and this is only a guess, that some foreign substance must have gotten lodged in the plate and thus prevented ink from getting into the recess in the plate at this point. This is only a guess and perhaps as good as any, yet is not necessarily the correct answer. However the matter is of no great importance.

On the other hand however we consider it quite important that so many of our readers, both thoroughly experienced and thoroughly amateur should take so much interest in this variety for it shows us as nothing else could that there is a great desire on the part of many collectors to study their stamps and to hunt for minor varieties. This is a commendable thing and some of these hunters may be the thoroughly experienced philatelists of the future.

There are things however that can help these new recruits and that is a full understanding of the printing process which would make it more possible for them to understand just what constitutes a variety that is of interest to the students and specialists.

In the first place, variety in the die or plate is the most interesting and important variety to the collector, something that comes constantly time after time in the printing. A large number of what some experienced collectors think to be a variety can be readily found but these are varieties or defects of printing and might occur on one stamp and never occur again. They can be caused by a minute bit of foreign substance in the ink or getting on the printing plate, perhaps a fine grain of powder in the ink or a bit of lint from a cloth. Such varieties however are not recognized to any extent. The varieties that are recognized are what are known as plate varieties and such print time after time as the presses roll and may show on a certain stamp in the plate all through a printing.

The most common thing called to our attention and something that is not a variety and should be overlooked entirely is the so called variety which shows specks of white in some place on the stamp where the design shows the print in a solid spot of color. Let us take a particular stamp and look into this. Say any of the Washington Bicentennial series where all of the numerals of value are set in a spot of solid color surrounding the numeral. To understand why specks of white surrounding the numerals and being in the spot of color, does not constitute a plate variety it is necessary to understand how the printing plates are made and how the print is made from them. I will try to explain that in words so that you can understand it.

Remember that we are talking about stamps printed by the engraved process and this process is different than in printing from the old and ordinary typographed printing or what is also known as letterpress work.

In engraving the plates are first a thin sheet of steel, less than an eighth of an inch in thickness. They are first polished until they are almost like a mirror in smoothness. The design to be printed has been prepared and transferred to a transfer roll which shows a design which stands up on the roll. This roll is pressed on to the plate and sinks into the plate, making a depression for the stamp. When the plate is completed and the printing is done, the ink is smeared over the plate and goes into the depression or sunken parts of the plate, the plate is then wiped on the surface and appears clean and polished on the surface, but with ink in all the depressions. The sheet of paper is then put over the plate and excessive pressure is put on it. The ink in the depressions in the plate sticks to the paper and when the paper is lifted the ink shows on the paper. When the ink is dry it will appear to stand up a bit on the paper. It is by this that you can identify it as engraving. (Some late printing methods of another kind also produce a result somewhat similar, but an experienced person can tell the new method from engraving.)

Now where there are fairly large solid spots of color which come from areas in the plate which are sunken and without lines in them, the ink in the plate is sometimes not enough to fill the depression in the plate and as a result no ink may adhere to the paper in some minute area where it should be solid in color and this results in leaving a white part of the paper show without ink on it. Thus these varieties are solely from lack of enough ink in the plate and may occur now and then, but are not of interest or are not considered as a variety.

Has P. O. D. Changed Paper?

In soaking a quantity of some of the later issues of U.S. Com-mems. I have noticed that the paper in the Bankers, Gompers and some other recent issues seems to be much thinner and more hard than paper in most of the issues of 1949. I detected this in the An-napolis and GAR stamps also. It appears to be much more thin and transparent than the paper in the Minnesota stamp for instance. Another thing I have noted and this could come from a finer quality of paper and that is that the centering on the more recent issues seems to run better as a whole than in many past issues.

Take a Bankers stamp and a Minnesota and hold them to the light and you will note a considerable difference in the paper.

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These sheets are sold complete only at face value.

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Eighth Edition For Brazilian Catalog

Eighth edition of the "Catalogo de Selos do Brasil" (1950) is now available to collectors through M. P. Brandeis, 50 W. 49th St., New York 25, N. Y.

It is a specialized catalog of the stamps and other postal matter of Brazil.

Besides the illustration and the descriptions of the major varieties of stamps, many of the lesser known variations of Brazilian issues are pictured and their differences from the normal printing pointed out.

Two of the features of the catalog are that listings have the first day of issue, and the special philatelic sheets made up for various occasions are pictured and priced.

Consisting of 170 pages between paper covers, the catalog is priced at one dollar from Mr. Brandeis at the above address.

It is to be noted that the language used in the book is Portuguese.

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While collectors are always welcome to their meetings, the Asheville, N. C. Stamp Club want to issue a special invitation to all persons who might be in their city while vacationing in the Smoky Mountain National Park area.

Newly elected officers who will be there to greet them are president Col. O.M. Hewitt, vice president C. E. Bollinger and Hanson C. Miller secretary-treasurer, 10 Colonial Place, Asheville, N. C. Mail for the secretary can be directed to Mr. Miller at P. O. Box 8025, Asheville, N. C.

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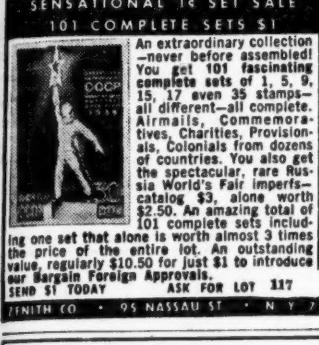
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BY CARL P. RUETH

Yipes! If the collective ears of the Miami Stamp Club and the University Stamp Club of Florida haven't been knocked off their heads by now, they're certainly burning like a four alarm fire.

Both clubs sponsored a cachet (together) for Airmail Appreciation Week, February 12 to 18 announcements for which appeared in most of the philatelic publications.

And while customers got a nice looking cachet, what do you think the Florida folks used for postage?

A meter!

As you know, a meter even of the slogan type as this one was is anathema to a stamp or cover collector as Capitalistic Imperialism is to Joe Stalin and Company of Russia.

So you who sponsor cachets take heed from this experience. Don't ever put anything but a good commemorative stamp on the decorated covers you offer.

Folks get pretty mad when they buy your covers and find them franked with a meter impression.

1. In 1948, a commem was issued to honor the late Harlan Fiske Stone, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Have any of the other Chief Justices been pictured?

2. Have any of the vice presidents of the United States appeared on our regular or commemorative stamps?

Even as simple a thing as hinging a stamp in an album seems to be, many collectors make a botch of it.

To begin with, there is no excuse for a collector not using a good grade of peelable hinge. There are several acceptable brands costing from 15c on up per thousand which will meet every need.

Of course, there are some ultra deluxe brands which cost much more, but even these are hardly what might be called expensive with the amount which can be gotten for the money.

The principle function of the stamp hinge is to hold a stamp securely on an album page.

Added qualities which it must have are a peelability which makes it possible to remove the hinge from the stamp without any of the hinge sticking to it or conversely, any of the stamp sticking to the hinge. Likewise, in removing the hinged stamp from the album page, it should not take part of the page with it.

Even the highly peelable hinges can bring a collector to grief if not used correctly.

The usual practice is to bend over about one third of the hinge which will then make a short side and a long one. The short side is the one to be affixed to the stamp. The long side is to be moistened about half way up from the bottom, the top half remaining dry, when you are ready to fasten it to the page.

Please note that I said moistened. Too many collectors make the mistake of getting the hinge mucilage wet and then pressing the hinge on the stamp. All you need do is moisten it and "place" it on the stamp, near the top edge.

When you then want to remove the hinge from the album or the stamp it will crack loose leaving little mark, if any, on either.

Noted a question in another column in this paper last week which gets banged around occasionally.

The question was, "Will someone please tell this writer why an individual who has stamps to sell expects his prospective purchaser to tell him what he will pay?"

In the next few lines, I don't expect to tell anyone, but I would like to bring out some points on the matter.

If the prospective purchaser is a dealer, then I would say that he should have a very good idea of what he will pay for a lot of stamps in which he is interested—and what's more, he should come right out and say so.

I would say that dealers who

are far enough along in their trade where they are out shopping for collections, are also far enough along in their experience to rely on their judgments to make a reasonable offer.

To the best of my knowledge, practically all the top notch dealers will come right out and tell you what they will give you for your stamps if they are interested. You can either take it or leave it, and generally they are pretty fair about it.

It is only the kind who want to figuratively "steal" a collection for little or nothing who find it difficult to form an offer.

A dealer should know the current condition of the market—such as the popularity of the material and its average wholesale cost—and whether he has a ready sale for it among his customers.

Ninety-five per cent of all collectors don't know about the stamp market or average prices or popularity, at least not to the extent that the dealer should.

When you go to trade for a new car, refrigerator, plow, house or what have you, the dealer tells you what he will give for what you have—and you can take it or leave it.

Even when you sell at auction through one of the reliable auction houses they will give you a certain cash advance on what they expect to realize from the sale.

And in the auction sale, the price of the material is determined by the purchaser and not the seller.

Back on the subject of cachets for a moment to offer a worthy idea which Mrs. C. H. Elder of Olney, Ill. has.

Mrs. Elder believes that clubs or others sponsoring cachets should give the colors in which they will be applied to the envelopes so that the collector can use a commemorative stamp which will harmonize with it in color, and theme too, if possible.

This same consideration should be used where a group does all the servicing of a cached cover including the addressing and applying the stamp. Choose stamps and cachet colors which do not clash.

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John H. Christie of New York City brings up a nice point in connection with the first day covers of the 25c UPU stamp.

Official POD figures show 326,172 stamps sold, and 320,215 first day covers cancelled.

"Assuming" says Mr. Christie, "that the total of 326,172 stamps sold were all placed on FDC, and further assuming that the total of 320,215 covers held only singles or blocks (no pairs or triplets), simple mathematics gives us the breakdown of 318,230 singles and only 1985 blocks of four."

Of course we know that many of the stamps were not placed on covers. And because of the high cost of a block of four (\$1.00), few collectors went in for a cover with one of those.

Summing it all up, it is rather logical to assume that there were no more than a thousand FDC with blocks of four of the 25c UPU commemorative.

1. Also pictured have been John Marshall and William Howard Taft.

2. Vice presidents shown are John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Chester A. Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, and Calvin Coolidge.

China has issued 13 semi-postal stamps, one of which was a souvenir sheet.

VENEZUELA

2c	74	79	80	*108	*115	123	*128	130	142
143	144	150	151	*152	161	163	231	232	233
234	235	236	250	251	252	253	254	259	293
298	397	403	C91	C92	C93	C143	C144	C146	
C147	C148	C149	C150	C151	C156	C157	C206		
3c	75	77	81	82	83	*96	*97	110	*114
124	126	129	131	140	160	*164	*230	255	
257	258	260	272	280	293	358	369	370	
*401	*402	O19	O20	*O21	F2	C126	C127		
4c	78	98	116	263	*269	276	277	282	
5c	58	78	84	145	152	156	261	262	
375	*376	*404	O1	O2	O27	O28	C200		
He	27	109	*282	307	332	*368			

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458-461	.50	B35-52	.80	B204	.15
462-465	8.00	B72-76	.12	Roosevelt	
481-485	1.05	B80-87	1.40		
486	3.50	B88-91	.18		
487-491	1.15	B103-07	.45		
492-497	.80	B110-12	.20	C1-2	1.30
503-508	.29	B114-16	.20	C3-5	.25
511-524	.80	B117-21	.30	C6-11	.45
525-527	.70	B123-25	.21	C12-23	3.60
528	.55	B126-28	.48	C26-34	9.80
551-554	.12	B130	.30	C35-44	3.50
559-560	.05	B131-34	.35	C45-52	1.25
570-572	.45	B135-39	.30	C53-62	.35
573-577	.14	B140-43	.15	CB2	2.50
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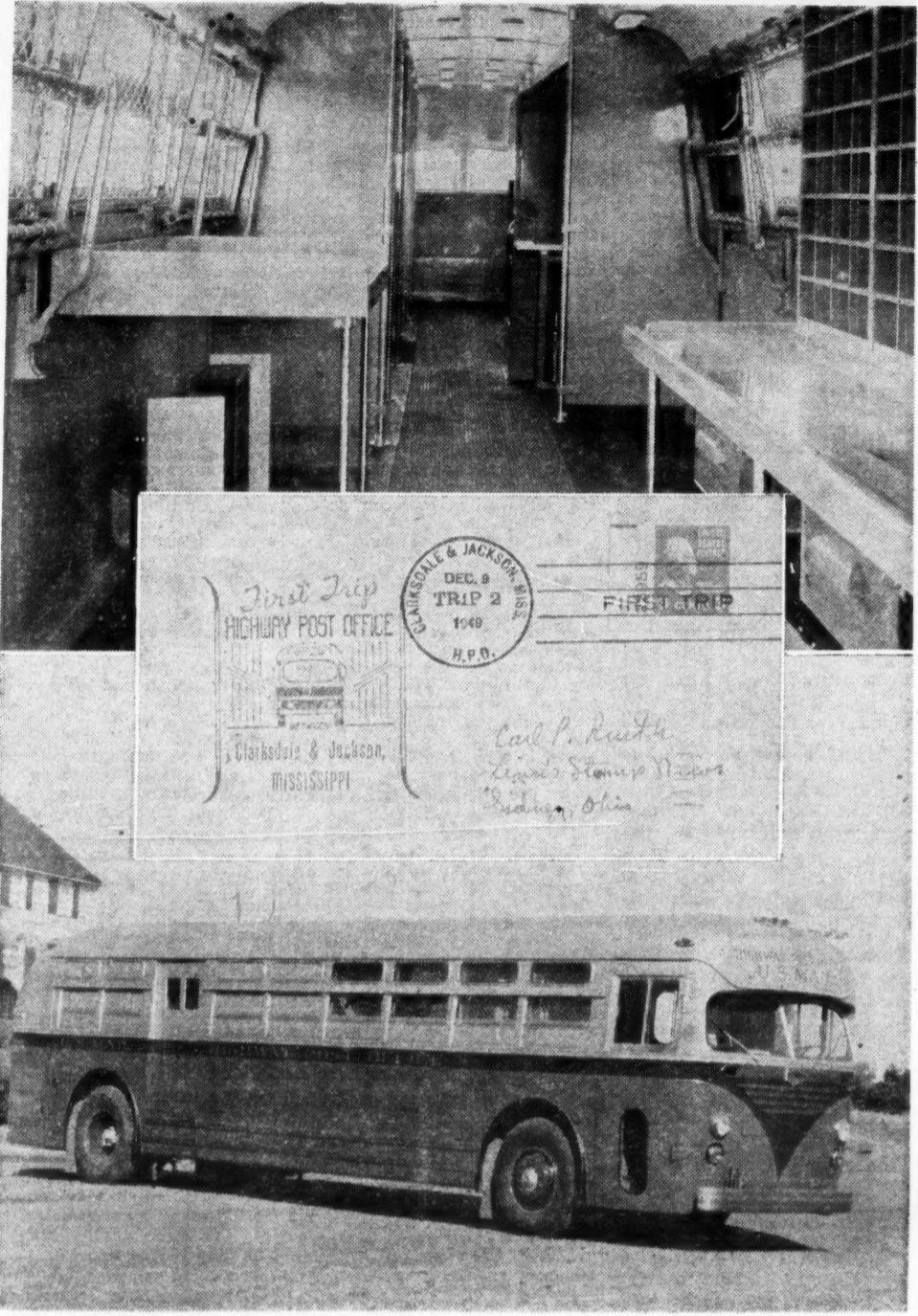
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The view of the interior of the HPO bus is taken from near the front. On the left can be seen the preliminary sorting table on each side of which, folded against the windows and out of use for the moment are the racks for the mail bags. On the right is the long table for fine sorting and the "pigeon hole" sorting compartments. Next folded against the window is another rack for mail bags, then facilities for employees and at the rear of the bus a storage space for sacked mail either pick-up or outgoing for delivery. At the bottom can be seen a full view of one of the HPO buses. At the center is one of the cacheted "first trip" covers made possible to collectors by the Post Office Department on the day of the inauguration of the service. Note the special cancellation and the words "FIRST TRIP" between the killer bars over the stamp. Views of the interior and exterior of the HPO bus were supplied by the Mack-International Truck Corp.

TRIP TO THE COUNTRY

by Carl P. Rueth

So you like to get mail!

Excepting the people who have their mail boxes loaded with long overdue bills or possibly other unpleasant communications, most folks get a pleasant little kick out of having the mailman stop with a letter or package. Of course in the cities Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews have become a bit calloused to the luxury of the one or more times a day home delivery. In the suburban and wide open areas of the nation the RFD mailman is the daily and sometimes only year around contact which some persons have with the outside world.

But while everyone gets his or her mail eventually, it is an indisputable fact that many folks get it rather quickly, depending on where they live, while others feel grateful to get their mail at all.

Those in the latter category, as you might have guessed, are residents of the rural or backwoods sections of the nation where there are no railroads, few highways and no airports. They get mail delivery, of course, but it is several days to weeks in the coming, and many times too late for the "right now" action which the letter requires.

What to do about it has long been a sore spot with the Post Office Department which prides itself, and rightly so, on the expeditious and efficient handling of the mail. The automobile helped somewhat in moving the

mail sacks, but there still remained the application of the human touch to sort and direct the flow of mail.

That human touch, up until a few years ago, was to be found only in post offices or in railway mail coaches.

Now days, you are apt to see it being applied by post office employees dashing along a highway at a comfortable fifty miles an hour, and never drawing a short breath in the process.

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HPO mail service was a reality before the war, but only to a limited extent. Expansion during the war years was impossible. Since the war, the Post Office Department has expanded the Highway Post Office service to an amazing extent.

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The Plate Blocker

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It is really pitiful how little some people realize the real value of stamp collecting. These few will never reap the pleasures, enjoyed by the majority of Philatelists, so long as they continue to combine their mercenary aspirations with stamp collecting.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Cinema Stamp Club of New York City. I found a group of men and women who really knew how to extract the most out of our hobby without resorting to the use of money and never once did I hear that a stamp was worth so much or so little. Their pleasure was obtained in pure unadulterated trading.

It is one thing to predict and another to have the courage of your convictions. If you are in stamps to speculate then sooner or later you will find that you will rue the day that such thoughts had ever entered your money-minded head. Speculating in stamps has been proven time and time again to be pure suicide. You just can't beat the market.

Before you put your hard earned money in anything philatelic then observe how the experienced dealer buys. You will note that a dealer will buy just enough of an issue to satisfy his regular customers and have a bit left over for stock. Once the dealer has sold out his remaining stock then that is all he will buy of a certain issue unless he obtains more through the purchase of a collection or lot.

In short the chances are a hundred to one of you hitting the one issue that will be good.

I met a chap who told me that he was a pretty lucky fellow in that he had over one thousand plate number blocks of the 5c New York City Air Mail right after it went suddenly off sale. These plate blocks cost him only 32¢ each and when the public went overboard and started to pay as much as \$2.00 and more per plate block then he made what he termed a real killing.

In truth this was his undoing for I heard from some very reliable sources that he took his New York Air Mail profits and invested heavily in plate blocks of earlier and later issues and in no time not only were his profits wiped out but his original investment as well. Which brings us back to the old adage of don't mix stamp collecting with investment ideas.

The old problem of proper housing for matched number sets of plate blocks seems to be receiving the attention of album makers. Of late there has been many advertisements which are featuring albums specifically constructed to meet the demands of the position collector. Some of these efforts are indeed a great advancement and is indicative of the fact that plate number collecting is an established phase of our hobby.

The 3c New Mexico issue, Scott No. 944, continues to hold its own, in the plate number field through its two last plates 23521 and 23522. The lower right positions, of these two plates, are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. Recent observations show the following values which are given to plates 23521 and 23522.

23521	23522
1.10 1.10	1.15 1.10
1.25 1.65	1.25 1.65

Thousands of plate numbers and their respective positions are continually changing in value. Some are advancing, others are decreasing, while a great number remain status quo. Of the latter one can never tell when real activity will swing around to them.

Of course continual buying activity of certain issues and positions will tend to raise the prices asked and conversely a great deal of selling surrounding certain issues will bring the prices down. The only real check is to stop at

least twice a year and to recapitulate.

We plate number collectors would certainly welcome a bi-colored stamp for a change. Rumor has it that such an emission is possible. As we are aware a different plate number is used for each color in a stamp giving us the opportunity to collect plate number combinations such as we experienced with the 2c Rogers Clark, 2c Red Cross, 5c Beacon Air Mail, etc.

At this writing 1950 has given us just two new commemoratives; the 3c Bankers of America and the Samuel Gompers Insofar as Plate Blockers are concerned these two do not present anything exciting but my promise seems to dictate that before the end of 1950 we will have plenty to talk about. Don't we always?

SCANDINAVIAN
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than air letters on which the stamp was imprinted.

Sweden held to the aerogram agreement and licensed various envelope manufacturing concerns to print them according to Post Office Department specifications. The aerograms were sold at stationery stores only and not at the post offices. To be used they had to have a postage stamp of the correct denomination affixed.

Finland also adopted the aerogram form. But it handled the matter somewhat differently than Sweden and choose it for an entirely different reason.

Because the currency of Finland was and has been in a state of fluctuation, the Post Office Department decided to issue the form without the imprinted stamp inasmuch as the rate under which it was carried might become obsolete almost overnight. Therefore it would have on its hands a quantity of unusable stationery.

Unlike Sweden, the Finnish aerograms were printed by the Post Office Department and sold through the post offices exclusively.

An interesting fact in connection with the use of the Finnish aerogram on the first day was that while the inter-Scandinavian agreement called for but a 12 markka stamp, most mailers liked the 15mk commem issued for the 75th anniversary of the U.P.U. so well they used it. It blended beautifully with the stationery and since the stamp was quite attractive in its own right made an eye catching item.

It was issued on October 9, 1949 in two varieties. Both are alike in all respects except for the paper which on one is a light gray blue, and on the other a dark blue.

Returning to Sweden for a moment, there are several facts which the reader might appreciate. Sale of the aerograms was allowed on October 8, 1949, but their use was not permissible until the next day, October 9 the official first day.

There are five firms which produce them under licenses as follows. By checking the license number on each of the aerograms it is possible to determine which firm printed it.

The manufacturers are:

Ljungdahl of Nybro, License No. III 1683.49.

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Johnson & Hill of Oreboro, License No. III 2055.49.

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Other than the license numbers, all the forms are distinguishable by the varieties of the printing each manufacturer employed.

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There is a persistent rumor that Australia is planning to revalue their currency UPWARD so as to bring same to parity with the British Pound at \$2.80. For many years the Australian Pound has been valued at about 20% below the British Pound, and this difference increased the cost of all imports to Australia.

CANADA. The five unrevised stamps of Canada, 1c to 5c, should eventually be good as they will not be reprinted. This is the set prepared for release on June 6, 1949, when it was decided to revise the design.

Supplies had already been sent to the various post offices for release on June 6th 1949. These were recalled but some had already been sold (?) by various post offices and of course were not returned.

These rare stamps were offered and sold at fantastic prices and it was reported that a block of four sold in New York for \$500.

The Canadian postal Department then decided to offer these unrevised stamps to the public in January 1950, as long as the supply on hand lasted, but announced that THEY WOULD NOT BE REPRINTED.

The five stamps with the revised design were released on November 15, 1949.

NEW ZEALAND. The semi-postal stamps of New Zealand are very popular and each year the catalog shows increases of the obsolete sets. The first of these stamps were issued in 1929 and were not well received by the philatelic press who advised collectors to abstain from buying these labels. However about 600,000 were sold, one half of the proceeds going to various health camps.

In 1930, the same design was used with slight changes and again was criticized by the philatelic press, who evidently were determined to cause New Zealand to abandon this health stamp idea. This campaign resulted in sales of only about 200,000 for this 1930 issue.

For 1931 an entirely new design was introduced, now known as the "Smiling Boy" and again the philatelic press was advising collectors to boycott these labels. These continued adverse comments may have been the cause of sales of only 75,000 of the lower value and 112,000 of the higher value. Since then each year showed a substantial increase in sales, so that the 1943 issue sold over 3,000,000 sets.

This was the first and only issue in triangle shape and one contained the portrait of Princess Margaret Rose, and the other Princess Elizabeth. This 1943 issue is exceedingly popular and may soon exceed in price some of the earlier issues.

All of the New Zealand semi-postal issues have shown a consistent yearly increase in catalog price.

IPPSA And Chapters Announce New Officers

The Israel Palestine Philatelic Society of America a national organization of collectors interested in the stamps of those countries has announced the new national officers as well as those for two of its chapter societies.

S. N. Shure was reelected to the national president's chair. National vice presidents are Dr. M. T. Koenig, and E. E. Necheles, while the secretary-treasurer is S. Jacobson. Assistant secretary is S. E. Banks.

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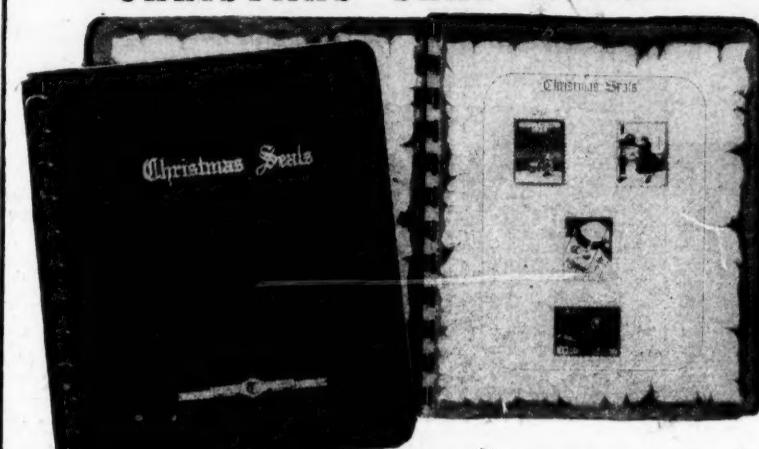
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